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Local Weather Report.
(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22—1:10 A. M.—For the Middle States, colder, fair weather, westerly winds, rising barometer.
For the South Atlantic States, generally colder, fair weather, northerly winds, higher barometer.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly clear, cloudy, and cold.
THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 28; 9 A. M., 42; noon, 45; 3 P. M., 49; 6 P. M., 45; midnight, 43; 1 P. M., 46.
Mean temperature, 43.6 F.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

A called meeting of the Board of Aldermen to consider the plans for the new City Hall was held at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. There were present L. L. Bass, president, and Messrs. Cabell, Chaffin, Cohen, Cole, Dickerson, Duffield, Glasgow, Pleasance, Powers, Rankin, Taylor, Todd, Wellford, and Williams.

The clerk read all the papers which were presented to the lower branch and heretofore printed in its proceedings, and their action thereon.

The President stated that there was no joint resolution from the Common Council. Mr. Wellford moved that the blanks in the joint resolution from the Committee on Grounds and Buildings be filled with the names of Messrs. Myers & Yost and Murdoch for the first and second prizes respectively.

Mr. Todd opposed it, mainly on account of the cost, contending that the Council had no right to exceed the appropriation of \$300,000, as voted by the people.

He offered a resolution in accordance with these views, and after stating that an additional appropriation be made sufficient to erect the best building that could be erected; another looking to procuring either the church on the old lot or the Swan-Tavern lot for a site for the new hall; also, a fourth resolution authorizing the matter of a site to the people at the election in May next; also, a fifth raising a commission, to be known as the Building Committee, after the reorganization in July next, of which the chairman of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings shall be ex-officio a member.

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A DETECTIVE'S DISGUISE.

ONE OF PINKERTON'S MEN IN THE WESTERN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

His Report as to How the Six Patients were Poisoned on February 24, 1883.

The annual report of Dr. Robert S. Hamilton, Superintendent of the Western Lunatic Asylum, has been published, and it is more than intimated that the six patients who were poisoned at that institution on the 24th of February last were so dealt with by parties who wished to disgrace his administration. He says:

The hall in which the lunatics were kept cannot be called other than a public passage-way. Very few patients, it is true, were in the hall at the time the poison was administered, but officers, employees, and visitors have always been permitted to pass and repass and otherwise occupy it without let or hindrance. And so it was in the evening referred to, and therefore, was it not easy access to anybody, and if the most frenzied enemy felt disposed to risk himself here, he had every opportunity to reach the lunatics by means of a friend, either male or female, of whom there were at least one among the employees there—namely, James Rankin, the janitor.

There had every opportunity that the culprit could have desired, to go into the lunatic hall and to see the present administration succeed. Moreover, some who had but little reason to believe that they themselves would be removed, nevertheless had already had one of their nearest and dearest friends killed, and were, in consequence, in a state of mind to do anything that might bring them back to the asylum. There were, I mean, some such as the institution, and the fact was, that the others who had the privilege (that is, free access to the hall) and used it up to the very day of the poisoning, at least, were not very far from being in a state of mind to do anything that might bring them back to the asylum. It seems at least, therefore, if not very probable, at least, that the poison was administered at the time indicated, viz., while in the hall.

That the particular agent employed was acoutine (in alkaloid form) Dr. Hamilton, in the light of Professor Mallet's analysis, thinks admits of little or no doubt, and says "there has not only never been, to our knowledge, a particle of acoutine in the asylum, but up to the time of the poisoning, and after Dr. Butler's connection with the asylum, there was not one instance in which a single prescription contained any of the medicinal preparations of acoutine."

"Certain it is," says he, "that Dr. Butler (the detective) could not have done it."

THE DETECTIVE IN THE ASYLUM.

Further he says: "It has all along been the desire of the management to leave no stone unturned to ferret this thing out, and lay its responsibility upon the man who was responsible for it. And hence it was determined to seek, and if possible secure, even at great expense, the assistance of a detective, and to place him in the very bottom, and finding, if it could be done, the guilty parties, no matter who they were, or the means by which they were secured."

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FOUR CAPS FOR LADIES.

MISSISS.

BOYS AND CHILDREN.

We had made for us by a leading manufacturer of Seashell Coats in New York, from scraps, some of the

CHOICEST CAPS EVER PRODUCED.

Prices are one third less than what wholesale houses ask for them by the dozen.

IT'S A BARGAIN.

WE SHALL

SHARE WITH YOU.

ASK TO SEE

OUR \$1.50 GENTLEMEN'S

FUR CAP.

A. SAKS & CO.,

ONE-PRICE CLOTHIERS,

1013 MAIN STREET,

OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE.

(de 22)

SHARP COMPETITION.

We know of no business where competition is sharper than the clothing trade. The reason of this is that Richmond is supplied with an abundance of first-class clothing-houses that a city of double the population might feel proud of. Most of our clothing merchants are men of brain and push. They are liberal advertisers, and court competition. The public are the gainers; for while we are all anxious to do business, and like to accommodate our customers, it is of daily occurrence that some ladies select a SUIT or OVERCOAT and have them sent home, subject to the approval of their husbands or sons. Some gentlemen select and get fitted in the store, and then have their garments sent home for the approval of their wives. Now, you must bear in mind that when we send these goods home for approval most of these customers have gone the round of all the good clothing-houses, and from each clothing-house are representatives in the way of OVERCOATS or SUITS. Our lady friends are good judges of goods, and when they have all the different styles of goods displayed before their eyes they are better able to judge of the merits of the material, trimmings, make, sewing, cut, and fit, and the most essential of all the price. If our customers are in every respect as good as others, we make the sale; for our prices are underneath, and we make the sale nine times out of ten.

MISSPIT STORE, 912 Main street.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 O'CLOCK: SATURDAY AND MONDAY TILL 11 P. M.

(de 21-3)

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

LOST—LEFT IN SOME STORE ON MAIN STREET, A DARK COLORED SILK UMBRELLA, with my name on the inside. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to J. H. GRIFITH & CO., 1317 Cary street.

de 22-1

LOST A BLACK SATCHEL.

Containing a purse with about \$20.00, and a card with a lady's name on it, and smelly other articles. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at 112 on 4th street.

de 22-1

CAUGHT ON THE NIGHT OF

December 20th, one SORREL COIT, with the owner can get the same by calling on HENRY COOK, No. 1349 Broad street.

de 22-1

LOST, ABOUT THE 12TH INSTANT.

A ROSARY OR STRING OF BEADS. They are cut amber, strung on silver, with a cross of the same attached. A liberal reward will be paid for their return to J. H. GRIFITH & CO., at the Dispatch office.

de 22-1

SAFE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, ONE 1,500-POUND MORGAN & CO. SAFE, good as new; combination lock. Will sell on long credit. J. H. GRIFITH & CO., 1317 Cary street.

de 22-1

DIVIDENDS.

RICHMOND AND POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY. TREASURER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., December 22, 1883.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND OF 2% PER CENT. on the capital stock of this company will be paid at the office of the Treasurer, at 1113 Main street, on or after the 1st of JANUARY NEXT. The transfer books will be closed on the 25th instant.

de 22-1

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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Resolved, That a dividend of TWO DOLLARS AND HALF PER SHARE be declared on the common stock of the company, payable on the 1st day of JANUARY NEXT, and that each dividend of one hundred dollars be paid at the same time on the common stock of the company.

de 22-1

GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &c.

LIVE POULTRY FINE SALT. Cargo of ship Madley City, consisting of DEARIES and BUCKLEY BRANDS OF SALT, for sale, delivered at all railroad stations, by DAVENPORT & MORRIS, Dock street.

de 15-7

NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.

NEW CROP. CHOICE QUALITY—receiving and for sale by DAVENPORT & MORRIS, Dock street.

de 15-7

POWDER, &c.

HAZARD POWDER AGENCY. 1,000 kegs RIFLE POWDER, all sizes; 1,000 kegs BLASTING POWDER, all sizes; FUSE—Double and Single-Taped. POTTS, STOKES & CO., de 22-1

LIME, CEMENT, &c.

4,000 BARRELS FRESH ROCK LAND LIME—Schooner Alfred Kline, expected daily from the Crockett Lime-Kilns. This lime has few equals and no superior. For sale low from vessel. Also, large stock CEMENT, PORTLAND CEMENT, BRICK, LATHS, &c. WAREHOUSE FIRE-ARM, Cement, Lump and ground Plaster, de 15-7

WEDDING PRESENTS, &c.

FOR WEDDING AND BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. GO TO L. LEWIS'S ART-GALLERY. OIL-PAINTINGS, OEOGRAPHY, WATER-COLORS, ENGRAVINGS, PLUSH PLAQUES, PLUSH MIRRORS, and other art novelties. No. 912 MAIN STREET, de 12-21

AUCTION SALES—This Day.

By H. Sedon Taylor, Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer, office Eleventh and Bank streets.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF THAT VALUABLE JAMES-RIVER ESTATE.

"UPPER TUCKAHOE." LONG THE SEAT OF THE RANDOLPH FAMILY AND FOR MANY YEARS OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY RICHARD S. ALLEN.

ESQ., LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF GOOCHLAND, ABOUT THIRTEEN MILES FROM RICHMOND, ON THE RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY RAILROAD, WHICH PASSES THROUGH IT, AFFORDING MOST EXCELLENT TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

In execution of a decree of the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond, entered on the 17th day of November, 1883, in the suit of James Allen, Trustee, for the said estate, in said suit, the undersigned, H. Sedon Taylor, Auctioneer, do hereby give notice that he will sell at public auction, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M., that TRULY-VALUABLE JAMES-RIVER ESTATE, above mentioned, it contains about 707 ACRES, of which about 200 acres are lowlands, not excelled by any similar quality of land on James River. About 575 acres are highlands, in a high state of cultivation—namely, about 200 acres of the best of the first grade, and the balance is in original forest land.

The improvements consist of a LARGE BRICK-AND-FRAME DWELLING, containing about 12 rooms, LARGE BARN, containing about 100 stalls, and all other necessary out-houses. This is an estate which will not only afford a most comfortable home to the purchaser, but will, at the same time, yield a large return upon the investment, and afford a special advantage in all want of such property to this sale.

Possession will be given January 1, 1884. A plat of the property available under the order of the auctioneer.

TERMS: One fourth cash; the balance at one, two, and three years, for desirable notes, at 10 per cent. interest, and the title to be retained until the purchase money is paid, and a conveyance ordered by the court. The interest of the purchaser will be required to give negotiable notes, payable on demand, and to be secured by deed, pay the whole purchase-money in cash.

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